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SUSPECT WEARING SKELETON MASK COMMITS SECOND ROBBERY

(San Diego) San Diego Police Department Robbery Unit detectives are investigating two similar commercial robberies committed by a masked suspect in Rancho Penasquitos.

The first robbery occurred on Wednesday, February 29, 2012 at about 3:00 a.m. The suspect, conspicuous in a novelty skeleton mask and matching gloves, entered the Circle K convenience store located at 9300 Paseo Montalban and called the clerk to the service counter. As the clerk approached, the suspect lifted his shirt to display a handgun tucked into the waistband. The suspect announced the robbery and the clerk gave the suspect money from the cash register. The suspect also asked for cigarettes and was given about a dozen packs. The suspect left the store on foot in an unknown direction of travel.

This morning, at about 4:30 a.m., the same suspect, wearing the same mask and gloves, entered the store. The same clerk was on duty and the suspect committed the same robbery. He was, again, armed with a handgun his waistband and left on foot with cash and cigarettes.

The suspect is described as a Hispanic male, 26 to 30 years of age, 5'5-5'8, weighing 180 pounds. At the time of the robberies, the suspect was wearing a black jacket, a black baseball cap and black pants. He also wore a skeleton mask and black gloves that had the outline of bones on the back of the hands. He was armed with a black handgun tucked into his waistband.

The incidents were captured on video. Copies of the video from this morning's robbery are available at the San Diego Police Department Headquarters Broadway customer service counter.

Anyone with information about these robberies is encouraged to call the San Diego Police Department Robbery Unit at (619) 531-2299 or Crime Stoppers at (888) 580-8477. Callers to the toll-free tip line can remain anonymous and be eligible for a reward up to \$1000 for information leading to an arrest in this case.

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